

## COUNTY NEWS

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

**Del Valle Farm for Tubercular Children**—This health farm is operated by a board of directors of which Miss Annie Florence Brown of Oakland is president. Miss Lillian O'Neill, a nurse, is the executive officer. A movement is on foot to further develop this farm and bring it in as a unit of the Alameda County consolidated health program.

### FRESNO COUNTY

**Fresno County Medical Society** (reported by Thomas F. Madden, secretary)—The regular meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held at the Commercial Club September 5, 1922. The following members were present: Miller, Tillman, Cross, Montgomery, Aller, J. R. Walker, Kjaerbye, Brown, Pettis, Bell, Sciaroni, Goldberg, Schottstaedt, Mitchell, James, Konigmacher, Trowbridge, Ehlers, Avery, Broemser, Jamgotchian, Milholland, Webster, G. W. Walker and Madden.

James E. Pendergrass of Clovis and Yervant Minas of Fresno were elected to membership.

Frank Hinman of San Francisco discussed "Tumors of the Kidney and Testes." Cross and Konigmacher also discussed the subject.

W. W. Cross, G. W. Walker, D. H. Trowbridge and Thomas F. Madden attended the meetings of State and County Society officers at the Maryland Hotel at Pasadena on September 8 and 9.

Regular meetings of the staff of the Fresno County Hospital were resumed on September 12. Luncheons of the surgical and medical staffs were also resumed.

Guy Manson returned September 6 from a visit to the clinics at Chicago. C. O. Mitchell spent the month of July at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in post-graduate work.

**County Hospital Annual Report**—The report of this hospital shows progress during the year. A school of nursing has been established. The students secure their academic work from the Junior College of Fresno. A staff has been appointed and organized into departments. The general staff meets once a month and the various departmental staffs each once a month. The report shows the total cost of operating the hospital for the year to have been \$266,253.22 or \$2.20 per "patient day." The average cost of meals was 19 cents each. There were 139 births and 275 deaths in the hospital. The number of autopsies is not included in this report. Average daily census of patients was 272 or a grand total of 99,280 "patient days."

### KINGS COUNTY

**Public Health Progresses in Hanford**—Hanford has a new health officer in Dr. Albert G. Bower, who took office July 1. Dr. Bower, who has had considerable public health experience in the Army, is an enthusiastic organizer and he is working zealously for the development of a full-time health department in Hanford.

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**New Medical Teaching Center Contemplated**—It is reported that the \$10,000,000 campaign of the University of Southern California is receiving hearty support. Plans for the use of these funds include provision for a medical school and teaching hospital at a cost of \$3,500,000. Dr. Wesley W. Beckett, member of the board of trustees of the University is quoted as saying that there is no place in the United States so far removed from a medical school as Los Angeles.

**California Lutheran Hospital**—It is reported that this hospital will shortly begin the construction of

a nurses' home to cost approximately \$250,000. The Anita M. Baldwin Clinic for Children building as part of the hospital has just been completed.

**Pasadena Requires Examination of Food Handlers**—During the month of July more than 550 food handlers were examined in the Pasadena City Health Department in accordance with the requirements of a local ordinance. Pasadena is the only city in California which requires that all handlers of foodstuffs must pass a satisfactory physical examination, showing that they are not suffering from communicable diseases.

**Pasadena Preventorium**—This new venture is located on an eight and one-half acre tract of land. The building is to cost \$35,000 and is to be erected shortly. The Preventorium will be incorporated under the laws of the State and will be conducted by the management of the Pasadena Dispensary. Mrs. Irving Sturgis is president of the organization.

### MONTEREY COUNTY

**New Hospital for Salinas**—The Red Cross Health Center property at Salinas, Monterey County, has been sold to a group of physicians and will be converted into a hospital in the near future. Doctors E. W. and W. H. Bingaman of King City, A. S. Lineer of Soledad, W. Rollin Reeves, Edwin W. Reeves, D. B. Wylie, T. C. Edwards and J. A. Beck of Salinas, are the prime movers in this new enterprise.

### ORANGE COUNTY

**Santa Ana Hospital**—Mr. A. B. Wastell has been engaged to do the promotion and organization work for the new Santa Ana Hospital. Mr. Wastell has just successfully completed a similar service for the people of San Jose and the San Jose Hospital is well on the road to completion.

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

**Riverside Community Hospital**—Mr. L. B. Saunders, formerly of Baltimore, has been appointed director of the hospital and is now on duty.

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

**Flitcroft Hospital**—It is reported that a new twenty-room hospital, located at 3014 M street, Sacramento, will shortly be completed by Arthur Flitcroft. The hospital is all concrete and brick construction and is being fitted up especially for maternity and surgical cases. The site for building represents an investment of \$50,000. According to the report, it will be ready for patients in October.

### SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

**San Francisco County Medical Society**—Presentation of a portrait of the late Dr. Harry M. Sherman to the San Francisco County Medical Society (by his widow, Mrs. Sherman); address of acceptance by Douglas W. Montgomery, M. D.—Through the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Sherman we are presented tonight with an excellent portrait of her husband, the late Harry M. Sherman, so many years an honored member of our Society. The gift was accompanied with the request that it be hung beside that of his friend, George Chismore. And indeed, this is most appropriate and typifies a long and close friendship between two men having like professional ideals and like democratic views of government, and of social equality before the law, and who carried into their everyday life these same principles of fairness and justice, both to themselves and to their neighbors.

Sometimes, like a flash of lightning, a look or gesture will illuminate the relationship between two men. One day I happened to enter Chismore's room with Sherman. Chismore, who suffered a long, trying illness before his death, was in a reclining chair with that look of beatitude and peace which so transforms some elderly people. Sherman kissed the old man on the forehead, and the return look of affection I shall never forget.

As I went away, I reflected that these two men had known one another intimately for years, and in fact, had grown old together. A friendship such as evinced by them could only be the result of a mutual esteem, resting on honest, solid traits of character, which are only too infrequently met with in this rude world.

It is indeed sweet and commendable to give these mourning duties, which we are here this evening to fulfill, to one who throughout his active life never ceased to take a deep interest in the affairs of this Society. He, together with Philip Mills Jones and Dudley Tait, did more than any others to develop its ethical side, and to make the Society what it is, and to set it on its road for what it may become.

While industrious in developing the form and government of the Society he also was not slack in furthering its scientific work. Some of the best surgical papers I have ever listened to were contributed by him. He was notably a fine demonstrator of material, and I often delighted to compare his work in this assembly and in the Academy of Medicine with that of Adolph Barkan as I heard it in the German Medical Society. These two men presented their cases or theses excellently.

It is well that we should have these portraits of those who have gone before into the secret house of death, and it is to be hoped that in time we may have a dwelling of our own where they may be permanently hung. Such a habitation, with its stories of the past, is of inestimable benefit to the profession in developing a medical tradition and solidarity. With this solid background, a good organization and the will to do this Society may look forward to a bright future full of beneficent endeavor.

The portrait of Harry M. Sherman possesses a peculiar value to those who knew him, in that it truly depicts his character. It shows the open, straightforward countenance, with head held erect on a good neck, based on fine, square shoulders. No man I ever knew showed so clearly in his countenance the inner workings of his mind. There was nothing to hide, for he was the personification of frankness.

In speaking of his appearance an interesting incident occurs to me. Soon after his demise Leo Newmark, one of his sincerest admirers, sent me a photograph of the bust of Marcus Aurelius, the great, stoic emperor of Rome, inquiring if I did not find a certain resemblance between it and Anax Andron, and indeed, especially in the upper part of the face, both in features and expression, the likeness is striking. Anax Andron, or King of Men, was a name given to Sherman by Newmark, partly as indicative of his grand manner, and, more especially, to convey the sincere regard he had for his character and attainments, and for his integrity, which was carried to the length of being almost a peculiarity; and for the iron rule he maintained over himself. In this self-rule and in his determination to carry through any project he had undertaken he resembled his distinguished contemporary, the late Levi C. Lane.

It was a cruious fate that accompanied both these men, that the work that they most ardently wished to accomplish should be partly marred by associates who seemed absolutely incapable of appreciating their endeavors and purposes.

As an instance of the masterful way he had of managing himself, take his attitude during the war.

At a time of life when most men seek their ease and routine work becomes a drudgery, he devoted a large share of his time to the examination of recruits, and when he was given a commission he even gladly took it as being his duty, although it meant the closure of his office. His associate was also away in the Army, and he was fully aware of the serious effect any continuous absence would have on his affairs.

He accomplished a fine day's work for this Society, for the profession in general, and for himself. I say for himself, but in no selfish way, for

he was one of those who entwined his general culture, with which he was well endowed, with his medical work, so as to embellish it and to make it a real part of his intellectual development.

We are here tonight to honor Harry M. Sherman, but honor is an external adjunct and pertains rather to the honoror than to the person honored. We can not do anything to change Harry M. Sherman, he has gone beyond the boundaries of time and space, but by honoring him a change is wrought in ourselves, and by a contemplation of what he was, both in excellencies of character and in the purpose and accomplishment of his work, we clarify our own souls and stimulate ourselves to follow his example. Truly death has no dominion over such a life.

**Diathermy in Ophthalmology**—In discussing this subject at the meeting of August 22 Kaspar Pischel stated: "While in the usual hot application the heat is applied to the surface only, in diathermy the heat is created in the tissues itself by alternating high frequency electric current. The temperature in the vitreous can be raised to 40.7 C.—105.3 F.—without injury, thus creating a marked hyperaemia inside the globe, as proved by the albumen contents of the aqueous." Using Dr. Koeppe's book on "Diathermy of the Eye" as a guide, Dr. Pischel discussed the indications for its use and advised to try this new therapeutic measure. Many other valuable papers were presented to the Society during August and September, but abstracts have not been furnished the Journal.

**St. Joseph's Hospital (San Francisco) Staff Meeting**—At the August meeting of St. Joseph's Hospital staff, L. Crow gave an interesting illustrated talk on "Early X-ray Signs in Medical and Surgical Chests." Dr. L. Crow is now in charge of the Roentgenological Department of St. Joseph's Hospital and brings to it his experience in a similar capacity at the San Francisco and Southern Pacific Hospitals. With two sisters as his technicians the department has been made attractive and efficient. A. S. Musante, president of the staff, reported upon the success of the first class in the School of Nursing, and the usefulness of the "In" and "Out" register. Progress in the program for the construction of the second concrete unit of the hospital was made. New patients for July were 175 (surgical 111, medical 34, obstetrical 15, and X-ray and laboratory 14); deaths 9, and discharged 161 (recovered 115, improved 32, unimproved 5). Case records were discussed by P. Collischon, cerebral hemiplegia; R. H. Berndt, prostatic hypertrophy, and Walter Smith, eclampsia.

### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

**San Joaquin County Medical Society** (reported by Dewey R. Powell, secretary)—The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the Receiving Department of the State Hospital on the evening of September 8. Those present were: H. Smythe, B. J. Powell, C. D. Hollinger, J. D. Dameron, Grace McCoskey, L. Dozier, J. E. Barnes, A. H. McLeish, J. Hull, C. R. Harry, W. Freidberger, C. F. English, D. R. Powell with L. R. Taussig and Alfred Spalding of San Francisco as guests and speakers of the evening.

The secretary announced with deep regret the death of Dr. H. N. Cross on August 18, 1922, a member of the Society and stated that a floral piece and message of condolence had been sent to the surviving widow.

Alfred Spalding of Stanford University spoke on "Vesico-Vaginal Fistulae." Spalding illustrated his remarks with lantern slide pictures which showed very conclusively the anatomical relations and the problems which have to be solved in correcting such fistulae. He emphasized the importance of dissecting out thick layers of fascia and overlapping the same in order to get a firm support. The paper was discussed by Doctors Dameron, Harry,

English and others and Spalding answered several questions in his usual clear, concise manner.

L. R. Taussig of the University of California staff spoke on the subject of "The Radium Treatment of Carcinoma of the Lip." He was quite convinced of the advantages of the use of radium in the early stages of carcinoma on account of less scarring and the avoidance of surgical procedure. On the other hand, the discomfort of the treatment was a disadvantage and the inability to obtain a specimen for exact pathological diagnosis. Taussig showed several lantern slides of both early and advanced cases of carcinoma and stated again that the benefit of radium could only be expected in the early cases. The paper was discussed by several members present who concurred in the desirability of giving radium a chance in the early stages of carcinoma.

**Buchanan Sanitarium, Lodi**—It is reported that a new six-room maternity department is just being completed for this institution. The hospital contains twenty rooms for patients. The hospital is a private institution operated by R. A. Buchanan of Lodi.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

**Harrison Neal, M. D.**, died in March at San Miguel, California, at the age of 87. Dr. Neal was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and spent many years in practice at Paso Robles.

### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**Santa Barbara County Medical Society** (reported by P. C. Means, secretary pro tem)—The Society held its August meeting at the Cottage Hospital, President W. J. Mellinger presiding. S. E. Sansum read a "Preliminary Report on Insulin." After reviewing the diet in diabetes he gave a short history of the initial work in the diagnostic and therapeutic value of insulin in diabetes by J. R. MacLeod. Sansum presented the histories and charts of nine cases in which he had used this new pancreatic extract with encouraging results. G. W. Jean presented cases of cataract and sac operations. This was the largest meeting of the year, with three-fifths of the membership present. The secretary, A. C. Soper, was absent at the M. R. C. training camp at Monterey.

**County Hospital**—The annual report of Mr. C. G. Vandever, superintendent of this hospital, has been submitted. The cost of operating the hospital for the year was \$78,914.12 or \$2.40 per "patient day." Patients were divided as medical, 276; surgical, 170; tubercular, 78; contagious, 26; maternity, 29; births, 22; emergency, 3; custodial, 16. The hospital has grown from 216 admissions in 1917 to 620 in 1922.

### SONOMA COUNTY

**Hospitals, Clinics and Laboratories** (reported by N. Juell, secretary)—Sonoma County Hospital, sixty beds, located at Santa Rosa; matron, Miss Schwab; County physician, F. O. Pryor.

Mary Jesse Hospital, twenty beds, located at Santa Rosa; matron, Mrs. Williamson.

Santa Rosa General Hospital, twenty-eight beds; Miss Levy, superintendent; H. G. Guttermuth, owner and manager.

Dr. Fisher's Sanitarium, located at Santa Rosa, seven beds; C. E. Fisher, owner and manager.

Ovalcrest Convalescent Home at Santa Rosa, Major Brandon, owner and manager.

Beaucourt Convalescent Home at Santa Rosa; C. H. Stevens, owner and manager.

Santa Rosa also has three Maternity Homes owned and operated by Mrs. Nelligan, Mrs. Manion and Mrs. Shaafsma, respectively.

Santa Rosa Clinical Laboratory, owned and operated by A. B. Hewitt.

Santa Rosa X-ray Laboratory, including radium

and electrical therapeutics, owned and managed by O. N. Young.

Santa Rosa Sanitarium, thirty beds; owned and managed by C. B. Schoenfeld.

Cloverdale General Hospital, ten beds; owned and managed by W. C. Shipley.

Healdsburg General Hospital, twelve beds; owned and managed by Mrs. Marcella Jones.

Petaluma General Hospital, eighteen beds; owned and managed by Doctors Peoples and Lunsden.

Petaluma Hillside Hospital, fourteen beds; owned and managed by Mr. Carl Haderman.

Cherry Hill Hospital, Petaluma, eight beds; owned and managed by Mrs. J. F. Jones.

Burke's Sanitarium, Burke postoffice; owned and managed by Dr. Burke.

Baby Clinics—Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sebastopol and Sonoma. These clinics are operated by the Children's Welfare Society and the Red Cross.

Dental Clinics at Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sebastopol and Sonoma. These clinics are operated by the Sonoma County Public Health Association.

Community Clinic at Santa Rosa. This clinic meets twice a month and is conducted by F. O. Butler and Mr. Ordahl, psychologist of the Sonoma State Home.

Sonoma State Home, Eldridge, Sonoma County. F. O. Butler, medical director.

**Sonoma State Home**—M. Covey, formerly of Philadelphia, has been appointed assistant director to F. O. Butler, medical director of the Sonoma State Home at Eldridge.

Lafayette L. Wilson, president of the Sonoma County Medical Society, died August 16 at his home in Sebastopol.

### TULARE COUNTY

**Tulare County Health Center**—A published report of the activities of this free health Center shows that during the past month 136 patients were cared for from ten towns in the county. The physicians of Tulare County rendered the medical service.

**Hospital Project for Dinuba**—Doctors Paul R. Walters, Edgar Brigham, V. B. Gregory, A. N. Loper, and Louis Seligman are reported to be behind the project to secure a new hospital of from fifteen to twenty beds for Dinuba.

**Board of Medical Examiners News**—The Board of Medical Examiners announces that the results of the written examination held in San Francisco in June, show that eighty-five, including graduates of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Los Angeles, passed the physicians and surgeons' examination. The highest mark (93 per cent) was made by Randolph G. Flood, a graduate of Stanford Medical School, 1922.

The University of California Medical School sent forty-two graduates for examination without a single failure, a record that has been maintained for over ten years.

Twelve graduates of Chiropractic colleges passed the Drugless Practitioner written examination. Mary J. Murphy, D. C., a graduate of the Western College of Chiropractic, San Francisco, made the highest grade (85 per cent), of the Chiropractic graduates.

During 1922, graduates of Chiropractic schools have successfully passed the written examination as follows: California Chiropractic College, 2; San Francisco, 2; Kinetic College of Chiropractic, Los Angeles, 3; Los Angeles Chiropractic College, 4; Pacific College of Chiropractic, Portland, Ore., 1; Western College of Chiropractic, San Francisco, 11.

**Electronic Reactions of Abrams**—Those who may be interested in this apparently profitable commercial enterprise will find interesting reading in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, August 17, 1922, pages 268 to 270.